

# Tribune Contestant Hews His Plank on 'Free Education'

## Colleges for Worthy Poor Are Advocated

National System of Education That Will Give Every Youth Benefits of Higher Training Is Outlined

### Essence of Democracy

Assistance for Dependents of All Worthy Students Also Supported in Theory

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The proper education of the youth of America is the cure for the unrest and will make for the continued peace and prosperity of America.

Education is the means and instrument wherewith the growing mind can be imbued with the highest ideals of the noblest traditions of Americanism. The radical mind can be soothed. The spirit of envy and jealousy can be deleted, and in this way, with the generations seeking not to destroy, but to help one another, America's safety is assured.

The Republican party should aim for the establishment of national universities, colleges, professional and scientific schools. These institutions of higher learning should be open and free to the worthy youth of this country. To-day the average youth is deprived of a college education for financial reasons.

Students at the national institutions should receive a worthy board, lodging, books and tuition at government expense. If a worthy student has dependents, then the government shall allow allowances to the dependents. Only worthy students of the highest intellect and industry shall be eligible for enrollment. Military instruction shall be given. The plan would be simply an expansion of Annapolis and West Point.

We recognize that a college education is a necessity, yet we deprive thousands of its benefits. Why not place a college training within the reach of the poor? To-day it is the rich man's fancy. Education is the essence of democracy.

JEROME I. MYERS.

## Victory Conceded, But What Next?

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The country wants and is going to get a Republican administration. When 1924 comes the party must be in a position to go before the voters with this record:

They Americanized the "League of Nations."

Protected American lives and property in all parts of the world.

Made our consular service something that meant a career for a man with ability and initiative.

Eliminated "spoils" based on appropriations, thereby helping to reduce taxes.

Brought the Liberty bonds back to par value.

Adopted universal training.

Compelled education and Americanization of our foreign-born.

Straightened out the railroads.

These things and many others must be done there is no other way for the Republican party to achieve them. We have been going backward under the present administration, but from March, 1921, we shall go forward.

We want a big, honest and fearless man, willing to take advice from others but not "too proud to fight" for what ever is right.

PAUL W. FRANKLIN.

### Voluntary Civilian Army

#### Part-Time Training Advocates in Creation of New Force

A voluntary civilian army, enlisting for limited periods, for production of values in public works of a utilitarian or esthetic nature, as well as military requirements, with part-time military training, reasonable discipline, fair pay, such freedom as would not be materially abused is essential in America.

Among the benefits provided should be: careful maintenance, compulsory continuous instructions in subjects suitable to their mentality and requirements, unrestricted opportunity for promotion due to merit and opportunity to marry and rear a family, with Federal aid to individual children up to the beginning of self-support after proper education; and with inculcation of the doctrine of the state as protector and friend.—F. Milton Willis, 1947 Broadway.

### Conditions of the Platform Contest

The Tribune invites you to write planks for a Republican platform and to write letters about planks proposed by other readers through its columns.

For the best planks and letters The Tribune offers these prizes:

For the best plank.....\$500.00

For the second best plank... 250.00

For each of the eight next best planks..... 100.00

For the best letter a daily prize of..... 10.00

For the best letter in the whole competition..... 100.00

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## To-Day's Prize Letter

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: A number of your correspondents have suggested Americanization as a necessary plank in the Republican platform. An additional plank should be inserted to abolish dual citizenship, which the United States sanctions, and establish once and for all time "when is an American citizen not an American citizen?"

Many foreign governments do not recognize the right of their citizens or subjects (and quite often the American-born children of foreign parents are included) to become American citizens, except after serving their full military service, and then only with the permission of the foreign government—permission which is not readily granted.

With some foreign governments this nation has treaties recognizing American citizenship, but there are no such treaties with France, Italy, Russia, Greece, Turkey, Persia, Rumania, Switzerland, The Netherlands and the newer powers created as a result of the war. The naturalization treaties in existence are known as the "Bancroft treaties" and were passed between the years of 1858 and 1872, about half a century ago, when this country numbered less than five millions foreign-born, while at present there are thirty-three million foreign-

## Appeal to Moral Code Advocated in War on High Cost

Adherence to Original Law on Principle of "Thou Shalt Not Steal" Advanced as Cure for Profiteering

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: "Thou shalt not steal" would be an odd but a timely slogan and would prove to be more effective in reducing the high cost of everything than any legislation we have seen or heard suggested.

We have blue penciled the above injunction from the moral code and in its place we have written "Take all you can get now and give as little as possible in return."

It would be absurd to attribute the present economic disaster entirely to the above stated fact, for we realize that the primary causes are as follows:

First—The Democratic Administration bids exhibition to the open market for labor and supplies.

Second—Several million men were taken from the fields of production.

Third—Peace-time machinery was diverted to war-time work.

Fourth—An enormous increase in the nation's currency.

However, we contend that the endless chain of higher prices, higher wages, lower production, indifferent service, and again higher prices is due largely to the fact that we are following the substitute rather than the original law.

Therefore, we claim that the cost of everything would be reduced not to a pre-war level, but to a considerable extent, if the producing, serving and selling public were made to realize that when they work less than they should, render inefficient service or exact unfair profits, they are liable to be halted before the bar of public opinion and charged with having violated the unchangeable law "Thou shalt not steal!"

M. J. TEHAN.

### Gives Cure for Autocracy

#### Naming of Cabinet Members in Advance Seen as Safeguard

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: So long as we continue a democracy democratic principles must be adhered to, with, however, the restrictions and provisions already supplied by the Constitution. I favor the publication before election by the different Presidential candidates of the Cabinet appointments they will make in the event of their election.

This would at least do something toward relieving this modern democracy of the flavor of temporary autocracy from which it has at times suffered.

No one can combine within himself the knowledge and wisdom necessary to handle satisfactorily all the departments of government, and poor judgment in the selection of Cabinet officers, or their appointment for political reasons rather than for innate fitness, may go far to mar an administration headed by an Executive of unusual ability in other respects.

W. P. GILMOUR.

101 Park Avenue, New York.

### Standardization of Wages Advocated as Party Plank

We favor the creation within the several states of an industrial commission with power to classify all persons who receive remuneration for services rendered in any occupation and to standardize the remuneration of persons so classified, such standardization to be considered a minimum remuneration.

The right to appeal from decisions made by state commissions shall not be denied either employee or employer, and we pledge the Republican party to establish a Federal industrial court with broad powers to consider and finally dispose of any case in appeal brought before it.—W. L. N.

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## Rigid Policy Of Isolation Called Fatal

Serious Internal Problems Held No Argument Against Active Participation by U. S. in Foreign Affairs

### The World Would Suffer

Indorsement of Covenant to Promote Tranquillity of Nations Is Advocated

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Honest Americanism is a wonderful stimulus to national progress, but its unfortunate perversion is sure to impair its original objects. If we adhere to a rigid policy of isolation on the grounds that such a system has made our country great, we virtually admit that the last decade has had no effect upon world relations.

The serious internal problems that confront us are no argument against our activity in foreign affairs; to ignore them would be equivalent to renouncing all interest in the determination of war and peace—aside from the many other matters dependent upon cooperation between nations—and what questions can be comparable in importance to these?

Think of the possible consequences if we should stubbornly pursue a solitary path among nations, neither proffering nor asking warm friendship or kindly assistance.

To lose the advantages of commercial reciprocity and cultural sympathy would be distressing enough, but what if our sullen aloofness and our repudiation of the moral obligations thrust upon us by the war should invite and encourage foreign suspicion, even enmity? The potential gravity of such a situation may well give us pause.

Our independence is in no way abridged by an intelligent participation in international affairs. No greater influence for peace and order among nations exists to-day than the United States; our solemn indorsement of a covenant to promote world tranquillity, while investing us with a rightful responsibility and a new prestige, constitutes the best possible guarantee of the success of our efforts.

Leave it to stanch American patriotism to see that our rights and privileges are safeguarded and that the provisions of our Constitution how to no foreign treaty. Similarly, American hegemony in the Western Hemisphere, as long as it does—and it properly should—function as a deterrent to any hostile attempt for Latin-American peoples, will be undisturbed.

J. W. FRIEDMAN.

26 New York Avenue, Brooklyn.

## Fair Play for Negroes In Educational Rights

Equal School Facilities Urged as Means of Promoting Equality of Races

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The Republican party is historically the natural protector of the negro. The negro needs this protection nowhere more than in securing equality with whites in educational opportunities. The Constitution declares that no citizen shall be denied equal protection of the laws because of race.

But public schools for negroes are far inferior in most states to those for whites. Not only are the schools worse, but the staff is smaller. In the ten states having the largest negro population there are 2,852,918 white public school pupils, with 101,806 teachers; but 1,130,319 negro pupils, with only 29,814 teachers.

Every state should be required to apply its school funds to the equal advantage of both races. The negro question never can be solved as long as we deny colored children a decent education.

A. OTIS.

## Regulation of Child Labor

General Scheme of Social Betterment Urged on Republicans

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I favor the fullest and most sympathetic attention on the part of the government to all plans looking to the betterment of living conditions, the proper regulation of child labor and the improvement of health and education generally.

Such fundamental matters should never be made secondary in importance to material development. Physical and mental conditions necessarily go hand in hand, and mental and moral health is not possible where physical health is ignored.

W. P. GILMOUR.

101 Park Avenue, New York City.

## Some Suggested Planks

Among the mass of suggestions for planks in the Republican platform are the following:

### Keep Judges on the Bench

The Republican party looks with disfavor on the growing tendency of men occupying judicial offices becoming candidates for office other than that of a judicial nature, and hereby affirms that it will discourage by all means within its power the nomination for office, other than that of a judicial capacity, of any one who has been elected or appointed to fill a judicial office.—Benjamin L. Rosenbloom, Wheeling, W. Va.

### Bonus Plan in Industry

We decry socialism, syndicalism and the soviet system, but we emphasize the wisdom of establishing a new relation between employer and employee, especially in the matter of division of profits under the bonus plan and the contingent increase of wages. We urge the passing of laws permitting corporations to arrange for their employees to have a share in the management.—Wade Hampton Thompson.

### Keep Our Boys at Home

The United States is not interested in the politics of Europe to the extent of sending a single American soldier abroad to carry out the mandates of the proposed league of nations. The foreign policy of the government is based upon the ancient friendship and brotherhood in arms with the French, and for purposes of its own protection considers the French frontier as its Eastern frontier to maintain which a defensive guarantee of the territorial integrity of France is pledged and a treaty to that effect recommended.—John Kane Mills.

### Stop War Risk Insurance

As we oppose the policy of government competition with private enterprise, we therefore favor the immediate discontinuance of the war risk insurance, and that its affairs be apportioned to established life insurance companies for continuance of unfinished business.—Frederick W. Henderson, Bayside, city.

### Fair Pay for Teachers

The Republican party steadfastly opposes Bolshevism and kindred doctrines hostile to the government. To combat insidious propaganda, to defend our national institutions by

ridding the country of foreign agitators and to foster patriotism by definite instruction in all public schools is our purpose. While practicing strict economy, proper influence will be used to establish the pay in the teaching profession on an equitable basis, so that able instruction may be provided.—Paul R. Russell.

### Law and Order

We declare our attachment to the Constitution and laws of the land. As did our forefathers, so we declare that law, the essence and spirit of government, is the sole hope of a free people. Without law there is no security, no stability, no justice. Before the law all men are equal; its beneficence covers all alike. Law is the spirit of America! The Republican party stands for law first, last, forever.—J. R. McLaughlin, Hotel Royal Polinac, Palm Beach, Fla.

### Amendments Up to People

The present method of adopting constitutional amendments has proved inadequate for present-day needs. Therefore, it will be our purpose to initiate legislation so that in the future whenever it should become necessary to amend the Constitution we shall do so by submitting the problem at issue to a vote of the people at the next succeeding Congressional or Presidential election, decision to be made by a majority vote.—Louis E. Collier, 511 West 169th Street, New York.

### Full Equality for Women

The Republican party should admit women on terms of full equality with men. That the party cannot afford to quibble over this matter is plain.—Austin Winchester MacLin, 1284 Bergen Street, Brooklyn.

### Opposed to the League

The Republican party believes it neither wise nor logical to join a league of nations. The life of the world and international relationships, it maintains, are to be more benefited by our not pooling vital interests and hence national integrity, with countries whose traditions are at variance with our own. Our policy should be rather to keep a free hand, relying on our good sense

## Aliens Fall Easy Prey To Soapbox Orators

Street-Corner Speakers to Offset Their Evil Influence Seen as Need in America

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The practical effect of our present immigration laws is deplorable. It is not reasonable to admit to all the advantages of this wonderful country of ours a foreigner whose sole qualification is the possession of sufficient money to warrant the belief that he will not become a public charge, and to exclude the honest, industrious, clean and ambitious young chap who possesses all the qualifications of a good American citizen, simply because his pockets are empty.

When the alien has once been admitted to this country, we immediately proceed to forget all about him. We provide schools for his children, but as for him, we leave him to choose his own environment and associates and to gather his information as to the customs and duties of citizenship from any source he chooses.

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JAMES O. TRYON.

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